

PARIS PIKE CORRIDOR COMMISSION

MINUTES

7th Floor Conference Room
LFUCG Phoenix Building

April 8, 2013

Attendance

Members Present: Ben Blyton; James Brady; Johnny Brennan; Harry Park; and Dan Thompson.

Staff Present: Bill Sallee and Stephanie Cunningham

Chairman Thompson called the meeting of the Paris Pike Corridor Commission to order at 12:17 p.m. on April 8, 2013. He noted that, since the Commission did not have a quorum, no official action could be taken at this meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Possible Business at 2651 Paris Pike

Mr. Brady and Mr. Brennan noted that it appeared that business activities were ongoing on the property, as there were more trucks present when they passed recently. Mr. Sallee stated that he would pass that information on to Jim Hume of Zoning Enforcement.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Blyton agreed that there were too many vehicles on the property for typical residential use, and they believed that business activities were ongoing. Mr. Blyton opined that the Infrastructure Hearing Board needed more flexibility in the assessment of fines, in order to strongly discourage this type of activity. He said that he believed that the property owner considered the fines as “part of the cost of doing business.” Mr. Sallee added that that Board also has the ability to place a lien on a property.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Possible Text Amendments

Mr. Thompson stated that the Bourbon County Planning Commission had advertised that, at their last meeting, they would be considering text amendments for microbreweries and “party houses.” He said that he reviewed the proposed text for the microbrewery amendment, and it did not include any references to the Paris Pike corridor. Mr. Thompson attended the Planning Commission meeting, and informed the Commission that the PPCC must be notified prior to consideration of any text amendment that might affect the Paris Pike corridor. He indicated that they could, however, exclude the corridor from the text amendment, which would allow it to proceed without PPCC consideration. The Planning Commission chose to exclude the Paris Pike corridor from the microbreweries text amendment.

Mr. Thompson stated that Jim Lovell, the attorney for the petitioner in the party house text amendment, was present during that meeting, and heard the discussion. He voluntarily amended the proposed text to exclude the Paris Pike corridor as well, so PPCC consideration would not be required.

Mr. Thompson noted that he intended to offer to do a presentation for the Planning Commission about the PPCC and their purview, since there were several new Planning Commission members.

2. End of Bluegrass Area Development District Contract

Mr. Thompson stated that a recent newspaper article had indicated that Paris and Bourbon County did not intend to renew their contract with the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD) for planning and zoning items. He said that he had received a telephone call from Bonnie Skinner, who informed him that she had been hired to handle planning and zoning for Bourbon County on a part-time basis. Ms. Skinner also serves as the planning staff member for Harrison County and Cynthiana.

3. City of Paris Median Sign on Lexington Road

Mr. Thompson stated that no one was present representing the city of Paris to discuss the placement of a new welcome sign on the median along Lexington Road. He said that the PPCC previously approved a welcome sign near Perico's restaurant, but the new proposal is to place the sign at the city limit boundary.

Mr. Park opined that that is not the most appropriate location for the sign.

Mr. Thompson stated that he believed that, if the new sign proposal is presented to the PPCC; and they choose to recommend approval, they should request that the approval of the previous sign be rescinded. Mr. Blyton noted that the PPCC could act in an advisory capacity only. Mr. Thompson responded that the PPCC is not an advisory body with regard to signs; they have the authority to disapprove them.

COMMISSION ITEMS – Mr. Blyton asked if any of the PPCC members had heard about a proposal to construct an Interstate 64 bypass, connecting that roadway with Interstate 75, through Bourbon County. He said that he had received a letter requesting access to his property for surveyors for the project. Mr. Thompson replied that the PPCC had not officially received any information about the project.

STAFF ITEMS – No such items were presented.

OTHER BUSINESS – No such items were presented.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Blyton declared the meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.